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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FUEL HOSE AND ULTRAVIOLET  
CROSSLINKING COMPOSITION USED THEREFOR

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 14, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 11, 2003, requiring restriction between alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement between the inventions of **Group I** drawn to a method of making a fuel hose (claims 1-10); and **Group II** drawn to a composition comprising a rubber (claims 11-20).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, that is, claims 1-10**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

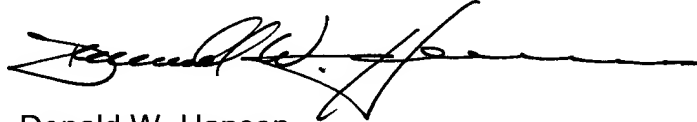
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Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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